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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of May 4, 2004. A Three-Month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, this Response is being filed on or before the current due date of November 4, 2004. Reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application is respectfully requested in light of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.